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Personalities

Exiled Soviet author **Alexander Solzhenitsyn** owes the Swiss government up to $250,000 in back taxes, according to tax officials in Zurich.

Having placed royalties from his books, including "Cancer Ward" and "The Gulag Archipelago," in a Swiss bank account prior to his exile from Russia, Solzhenitsyn declared an income of $401,000 and capital of $2.34 million in 1974.

According to Blick, a Zurich newspaper, tax officials have asked the 1970 Nobel prize winner to "respect his sense of duty" and make the payments.

Solzhenitsyn secretly left Zurich for the United States in 1976. He now lives in seclusion in Vermont.